



2022-23 Chancellor’s Parent Advisory Board January 2023 Meeting Notes

Agenda:

| Time | Agenda Item |
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| 6:00-6:10pm | Welcome, SEL Activity, Agenda and Community Norms |
| 6:10-6:20pm | Member Spotlights |
| 6:20-6:45pm | Updates with Chancellor Ferebee, Q&A, Open Mic |
| 6:45-7:25pm | Social Studies Draft Standards Presentation and Discussion |
| 7:25-7:30pm | Announcements, Survey and Closing |

Board Members in Attendance:

| Name | Ward | School Community | In Attendance |
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| Dionne McAdoo | 1 | McKinley Tech HS, Coolidge HS Seaton ES | |
| Eyana Carballo | 1 | Hardy MS | X |
| Brett Rodgers | 1 | Tubman ES | |
| Jacob Aladejobi | 1 | Cleveland ES | |
| Ilaria Bangara | 2 | Mann ES | X |
| Sarah Murtaza | 2 | Hyde-Addison ES | |
| Lisa Consoldane | 2 | School Without Walls HS | |
| Larissa Camilleri | 2 | Hyde-Addison ES Hardy MS | |
| Maria Augustina Motto Murua | 3 | Mann ES | X |
| Matthew Cook | 3 | Hearst ES | X |
| Sara Poehlman | 3 | Janney ES | X |



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| Ramya Vivekanandan | 3 | Oyster-Adams Bilingual | X |
| William Rumsey | 4 | Shepherd ES | X |
| Hilary Daniel | 4 | La Salle-Backus ES | Withdrew from board |
| Kishanna Harley | 4 | Duke Ellington School of the Arts Whittier ES | X |
| Patricia Balestra | 4 | Lafayette ES Deal MS | X |
| Zaid Gebrekidan | 4 | Powell ES | Needs to leave early X |
| Taita Kitt | 5 | Deal MS Dunbar HS | Withdrew from board |
| Corina Leguizamon | 5 | CHEC Dunbar HS | X |
| Ernestine Miles | 5 | Banneker Academic HS | |
| Dorina Bekoe | 5 | Deal MS | X |
| Elinor (Nellie) Jaikaran | 6 | School Within School at Gooding | X |
| Selah Alexander | 6 | Van Ness ES | |
| Maurice Heath | 6 | Amidon Bowen ES | X |
| Rebecca McGeehan | 6 | Maury ES Eliot-Hine MS | X |
| William Young | 7 | Bard Early College School | Withdrew from board |
| Ralph Jackson | 7 | Randle Highlands ES | Withdrew from board |
| Demetria Dinkins | 7 | Nalle ES | X |
| Shakuwra Camphor | 7 | Houston ES | X |
| Deitra Flemming | 8 | Ballou HS | |
| Brandi Reese | 8 | Garfield ES | X |
| Katrice Purdie | 8 | Deal MS | X |
| Laqurila Fitzhugh | 8 | Kramer MS | |

DCPS Staff in Attendance:

- Chancellor Lewis D. Ferebee



- Sarah Parker – Engagement and Partnerships, Interim Officer
- Natalie Treadgold- Family and Community Engagement, Interim Deputy Chief
- Raymond Hamilton - DCPS Social Studies, Manager
- Tiffany Mitchell-Patterson - DCPS Social Studies, Manager
- Jerry Ilar – Family and Community Supports, Manager
- Claudette Monroy – Community Engagement, Coordinator

Summary of Discussion, Questions and Comments

SEL Activity

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?” - What does this quote mean to you?

Chancellor’s Updates

Questions from board members:

- Any dates for school budget?
 - There are no set dates for right now. There are a couple moving targets behind the scenes preventing a set schedule for school budgets.
- How does he get the information from the Public Budget Hearing?
 - We take a transcript of the hearing where DCPS leaders attend and listen to everyone's testimony.
- DCPS Testing in Kindergarten, what is the communication for standardized testing on what is taught across the board?
 - Assessment Team on: <https://dcps.dc.gov/publication/assessment-guide-families>
- Are there some core specials (for example, PE, art, music, etc.) for all schools? or each school chooses depending on their budget?
- How much autonomy does a school have with per pupil funding and making sure educators have everything they need where parents do not have to fill gaps?
- Speaking of budgets, I wanted to advocate for resources for educational aides who are key to quality learning models? How will they feature in the next strategic plan and budget? They are not given priority, so we suffer from high turnover.
- Is it true that education aides are contract workers, not DCPS employees, and therefore earn differently?
 - Response: Aides are DCPS employees.

Strategic Plan Engagement Report

- Reflection of our work in the past 5 years and adjusting to changes after learning what we experienced during the Pandemic.



- We are entering Phase 3: Craft and Draft of our engagement around the Strategic Plan.
- To view the report, visit: <https://dcpstrong.com/strategic-plan/>

Question from board member:

- Who will receive the draft plan for feedback?
 - Will send to staff and families to give input in the spring to finalize for next School Year.

Career Readiness Roadmap

- Heard from 600 stakeholders with over 200 families.
- Draft and finalize Career Readiness Roadmap in Spring 2023.

School Public Safety Meeting

- Public Meeting at Dunbar with all DC Secondary leaders, MPD, Mayor's Office, DCPS and DC Public Charter School, OSSE, and Deputy Mayor for Education.

Social Studies Draft Standards

- Presentation on existing standards, changes with the new standards, overview of highlights in Social Studies Draft Standards, and the opportunity for public comment.
- DC has the oldest standards in the United States, created in 2006.
- Biggest changes occur in the K-8 grade levels, with US History will be covered in 7th grade and 8th grade will have a Civics Course.
- Review of grade level highlights:
 - K – Theme of Identity with Myself and My Community
 - 3rd – DC History Course including modern era and significant neighborhoods
 - 5th – Foundations of Modern America – Enslavement and Resistance
 - 6th – World Geography - How students exist both locally and globally
 - 7th – US History I: First Nations thru Reconstruction
 - 8th – Action Civics
 - DC History Highlights – Self Determination: Actions of residents advocating for their needs through time
- Share your input on the updated standards here: <https://bit.ly/StandardsFeed>

Padlet questions

- What questions do you have about the standards or the public comment process?
 - What is the thinking behind leaving decisions for high school social science to community input?
- What questions do you have about highlights from the Social Studies Draft Standards?
 - Can you tell us about a little bit on how gender equity is addressed in the new standards?
 - Can you explain a little more about the theme of diversity in kindergarten?
 - Will there be a phased in approach to adopting the standards?
 - Will this be district standards for all schools?



- The public comment closes on January 30th, 2023.
- What grades will your student attend for school year 2023 – 2024?
- What grades are your students in for school year 2022 – 2023?

Discussion questions

- What are 1 – 2 things you would change?
- What are 1 – 2 things that you are excited about in the standards?
 - Nice Presentation! The Social Studies program looks intriguing. It almost makes me want to be a student again. Almost. . .
 - Thank you for your thoughtfulness to look at gender equality.

Resources Shared During Meeting:

Chancellor’s Updates

- **Strategic Plan Engagement Report**
 - To view the report, visit: <https://dcpstrong.com/strategic-plan/>
- **School Public Safety Meeting**
 - Press conference available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5wVFEOW-HTc>

Social Studies Draft Standards

OSSE Social Studies Draft Standards: bit.ly/StandardsFeed

Survey Responses:

Eleven board members filled out the exit survey.

| Question | Average Score |
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| 1 Star = Not Good to 5 Star = Very Good | |
| How would you rate the overall meeting? | 4.36 |

Additional comments submitted on survey:

- **Do you want to add any items to the agenda?**
 - Future curriculum changes.
 - All is ok.
 - Does the Chancellor have any plans to curb the youth gun violence and other crimes in the city?
 - Restorative justice in schools.
 - Tutoring resources for DCPS students.



- **Which section or activity of the agenda was most interesting and/or helpful? Please explain briefly why:**
 - The social studies standards presentation was great. It provided useful context that can help us continue to encourage our parents to provide public comment which is already happening through our various channels.
 - Social Studies standards. I've never given them much thought, since my kids are younger, and it was so interesting!
 - New social studies curriculum.
 - All items are interesting
 - I always enjoy hearing about DCPS initiatives. I also find it useful to learn about resources available to families and students.
 - I liked the information on the social studies updated standards.
 - Sharing social studies standards.
 - Social studies roll out.
 - The social studies standards.
 - The update on priorities with DCPS.

- **Please share other comments:**
 - Happy New Year!
 - The meeting was fine. I missed seeing chancellor Ferebee give his updates. Hopefully he will be able to attend the next meeting.
 - Thanks for the open dialogue.